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36TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Fourth District W. C. T. U. Convention Held at Paw Paw Last Week.

DELEGATES FROM 5 COUNTIES

Interesting Sessions Were Held and Many Vital Topics Discussed by the Delegates Present.

The 36th annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the fourth district was held in the Methodist church, November 21 and 22. The weather was delightful for any occasion and the delegates responded to roll call in large numbers. This is the first time that Paw Paw has entertained the convention and the union here, which is very small were kept busy in making arrangements for the comfort of their guests, but as is usually the case the affair proved to be very enjoyable and very profitable.

The first session opened on Thursday morning with the usual business routine and proceeded with the program which consisted of papers and reports of work done in the several counties.

Mrs. E. L. Calkins, president of the association, was detained by illness from attending the opening meeting, but arrived Friday morning and remained until Saturday.

The following are the county presidents: Kalamazoo, Mrs. Arta Fisher, Scotts, Mrs. Clara M. Ball, Coloma: St. Joseph, Mrs. Lydia Walters, Parkville, Mrs. Anna Bonine, Penn: Van Buren, Miss Agnes Simmons, Lawrence; chairman of entertainment committee, Mrs. Jennie Cross, Paw Paw.

Consecration services were led by Mrs. Arta Fisher, Scotts, and the music during the convention was conducted by Mrs. A. Shannon of Covert. Mrs. Shannon has a charming personality and her voice is very pleasing.

The flower mission as carried on for the organization is no small part or unimportant feature of the work. Mrs. Ida Shriver of Kalamazoo, who has charge of this branch of their union, outlined the object and told of the benefits derived therefrom. It consists of visiting the jails, the hospitals, the poor and all distressed and furnishing not only flowers but cheering the needy with necessities, gathered together by the members and friends and distributed where it will do great good.

The evangelistic work was described in a paper by Miss Eliza Berridge of Sturgis. This is a difficult task, as the work is usually attempted among people who are more or less indifferent, and altogether, while a good deal is accomplished, the persons assigned to it are working under difficulties to a great extent.

The subjects, scientific temperance by Mrs. Ida Rood of Cooper, anti-narcotics, Mrs. Alma Robinson of Sturgis, Young People's branch, Agnes E. Simmons, Lawrence, health and heredity and medical temperance by Mrs. Lois Martin of St. Joseph, were all ably presented.

The value of mothers' meetings was discussed by Mrs. Hogle of Sturgis.

Work of the W. C. T. U. in local option territories was presented by Mrs. Joseph Truesdale of Constantine.

Another interesting paper was read by Agnes E. Simmons of Lawrence. The greater part of this paper will be found in the Woman's column in this issue of The Northerner. It was considered to be one of the best features of the convention.

Thursday evening was devoted to addresses by our local people.

Institute work was reviewed by Mrs. E. L. Calkins, state president, on Friday afternoon and was very interesting. There were several good things Friday afternoon in the way of papers, among them, one by Mrs. A. R. Hooper of Buchanan, Mrs. Hallie R. Thrasher of Benton Harbor took Purity for her subject, and Mrs. Dora B. Whitney of the same place told of the W. C. T. U. home. Mrs. M. M. Knight gave the last address of the session on Our Enterprise—W. C. T. U. cottage.

Friday evening occurred the gold medal contest which was very enjoyable. There were only three of the contestants who were expected who responded, but the contest was a spirited one nevertheless. The medal was awarded to Miss Vesta Bartholomew of Lawton.

DELIGHTED WITH NEW HOME.

In a letter to a friend comes the good news from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dibble, who recently went to Phoenix, Arizona, from here, that they are delighted with the climate, the business prospect, the people and the scenery, and they are well and happy.

They have bought a new home, and are making some acquaintances. One of the pleasures they have enjoyed is mountain climbing. They send many messages to old friends and wish to be remembered to the people in Paw Paw.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT LOST

The State Board of Canvassers Decide that Woman Suffrage Was Defeated in Michigan.

While nearly everybody supposed that equal suffrage carried in Michigan by a substantial majority, the state canvassing board which met at Lansing a few days since, has decided that the measure was defeated in the state by a majority of 585 or thereabouts. Official returns from all but four counties gave a majority for the amendment of 12,846. For some unexplained reason the returns from these four counties showing the vote on the amendment were slow in coming, and when they were at last received the majority against the amendment was just enough to defeat it in the state.

The question now arises as to a recount, but anti-suffragists say there is no way by which a recount can be obtained.

THE WHOLE CHEESE.

The big cheese that has been on exhibition in W. J. Warner's window for the past week was carved on November 26, and its quality tested. There were numerous guesses on the weight of it. E. G. Thayer and Jerry Carr were both interested in the cheese and ventured a guess on its weight, and their judgment was so good that both were entitled to the first prize as Mr. Warner had offered a 50 pound sack of flour to the person guessing nearest its weight. The prize was divided and two sacks of flour of 25 pounds each were given, along with the title of being a good guesser.

J. J. Doin was second and returned thanks for 50 cents worth of groceries. The cheese weighed 383½ pounds.

WILL BE APPRECIATED.

A vigorous campaign has been started by the lovers of art in Kalamazoo with a view of raising money with which to establish an art gallery. They have met with every encouragement and it is almost an assured fact that in the near future that city will boast of one of the finest places of the kind in the state. One site that is under advisement is the home of the late Senator Frank B. Stockbridge, which is located on Canal street, near Main street. The house and furniture, containing valuable pictures, a complete library and the most exquisite furnishings, all of which could be procured by the association at a nominal figure.

This would not only be a great benefit to the people of Kalamazoo as an educator but its influence would be felt all through the country surrounding it. The result will be observed with interest by interested persons here who hope to see its consummation.

SECOND NUMBER HIGHLY ENJOYED

The second entertainment of the winter lecture course was given to a splendid audience at the opera house last Wednesday evening. People were expecting something good and were not disappointed. The word good expresses much, but is entirely inadequate in this case. The Kellogg-Haines Singing Party consisted of a mixed quartet of voices and an able accompanist, who was also a monologist and was very pleasing. We doubt if better voices were ever heard here in entertainment. Space forbids mentioning each one, but the opinion of many, and the expression of commendation heard on every side, recommends them to every music lover. Their numbers were high class and delightfully rendered.

DISASTROUS FIRE THREATENS COLOMA

Berrien County Village Suffers from Fire Which Causes \$15,000 Loss. Five Persons Seriously Hurt.

Five persons were hurt, one seriously, 250 people thrown into a panic and a business block destroyed by fire causing a loss of \$15,000 when a film caught fire in a moving picture show at Coloma Tuesday night.

The flames swept through the theater and attacked the millinery store adjoining. This building was quickly destroyed and then Grant's shoe store, a large cement block of two stories provided fuel for the flames. Two residence dwellings were also destroyed.

Danger to the entire town caused urgent appeals for help to be sent to Benton Harbor and two fire steamers and a company of six men, headed by Chief Clausen, were rushed by interurban to the village and assisted in subduing the flames.

Like a Blanket The True Northerner Covers the Field

What Men of Experience Say of Its Value As An Advertising Medium

In our experience of conducting contests covering several states, very seldom have we closed a campaign upon a newspaper whose field has been so thoroughly covered as that of The True Northerner. Like a blanket its subscription list envelops the territory contiguous to Paw Paw and spreads far beyond. Upon the six rural routes radiating from Paw Paw there is scarcely a home into which The True Northerner does not enter, and the homes in the village of Paw Paw where it is not read are a negligible quantity.

The contest, which closes to-morrow night, has added hundreds of names to an already big list. This is something to be proud of—something to think about. Newspaper advertising is conceded by great advertisers as the most effective and cheapest form of publicity of all mediums. Every week a new message is carried to the heart of the home. Every reading member of the family is reached not once, but fifty-two times each year.

We, as newspaper and contest men, know the pulling power of such a paper as The True Northerner. We bank

upon it to bring results, and the most hardened skeptic upon the question of advertising must admit that we have stirred the interest not only of its readers but hundreds of others throughout the county. These results have been obtained entirely through the columns of The True Northerner. Is there any reason why greater or less results may not be obtained through intelligent publicity by any advertiser?

There certainly is none. What more effective medium of reaching your trade than through the columns of a paper that enters practically every home from which you may hope to draw business? Our stay in this beautiful village has been pleasant. Our relations with your merchants have been marked with courtesy and consideration. We leave you with the best of wishes for the rapid advancement of your fair little city in all ways that are for the good of your people, thanking you for the hospitality extended the strangers with in your gates.

P. E. KRIBBLE,
G. H. VAN NIMAN,
Contest Editors.

DELINQUENTS ARE BROUGHT BACK

A Trio of Offenders Are Returned to Van Buren County on Charge of Desertion.

It seems that an epidemic of carelessness, heedlessness and cruelty has broken out in this part of the country during the past few months. Three young men have become tired of the responsibility of supporting their families and maintaining their homes and have shifted their duties on the shoulders of some one less able to bear their burdens.

The names of these irresponsible persons are John Cosgrove or John Smith who was found in Galesburg a couple of weeks ago and reminded that he had homes ties here. He has a past record as a deserter from the army, and is not a good citizen, generally. His family live here. He is 32 years of age. He left home June 14, and has not been heard from until recently the sheriff's office was notified of his whereabouts and he was brought back here last week and sentenced to three years at Leona. He left his wife and 16 months old child.

Still another delinquent is Olie Prax of South Haven who departed on October 13. A wife and two children, one three years and one 18 months old, are left to fight the battle of maintenance. He was found in Hammond, Ind., and brought back. He is under a bond of \$500, and is expected to pay not less than five dollars per week toward the support of his family.

Clinton B. Foote has the same charge preferred against him. He has a wife and child in South Haven. He is also under lock and key. Is there no remedy?

TUBERCULOSIS DAY.

Wednesday, December 4, will be "Tuberculosis day" at the Coterie. Dr. Herman Osterman of Kalamazoo, president of the State Anti-Tuberculosis society, will give an address, and all interested are urged to be present. A guest fee of 10 cents is charged to non-members, the proceeds going to our local relief fund.



Mr. Lewis S. Hall, who will deliver the convention address at the county Christian Endeavor convention Friday evening, in the Baptist church, is president of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union and is a forceful and interesting speaker. He is thoroughly acquainted with his subject and is a wide awake Endeavorer. He was until lately Field Secretary for the Minnesota State Union, and was one of the prime movers in the International C. E. convention held in St. Paul three years ago. A treat is in store for all who hear him

FRUIT BELT ROUTE MAY BE CHANGED

Rumored Once More that the Fruit Belt Line Will Soon Change to Electricity.

The following from a Kalamazoo paper of recent date would indicate that the officials of the Fruit Belt line contemplate making some changes on their system:

Rumors that the M. U. T. is contemplating electrifying the Fruit Belt line, immediately, and changing its course to the west, thus allowing a down town entrance into Kalamazoo, have been circulated about the streets and can neither be denounced nor affirmed. It is claimed that the work now being done by the company on the Oakland Drive line, and the laying of the double track on West Lovell and Grant streets is only a starter in the work to be done.

One of the big problems to be solved before electrifying the road is how the company will run into Kalamazoo as far as the big Union station, which will soon be located in the William Shakespeare building on north Rose street. It is claimed that the Michigan United intends extending the Fruit Belt line from Lake View to Oshkemo village, a distance of about two and a half miles. This, however, is uncertain.

The company has been securing options on farm property leading out of the city and is said to have several farms already purchased. Michigan United officials do not care to discuss the matter, but when pressed, one of them stated that the work would be done, but not as first planned.

MUSICAL RECITAL TONIGHT

One of the musical treats of the season will occur tonight at the opera house when the distinguished Irish vocalist and entertainer, Mme. d'Erina will appear under the auspices of the Catholic church of this village. Madame Rose d'Erina is assisted by her husband, G. R. Vortom, who as a tenor singer and humorist has few equals. He is rightly called "The Prince of Entertainers."

AN ACCEPTABLE GIFT

PAW PAW, MICH., Nov. 21, 1912.
W. R. SIKKINE,
Chairman Com. Memorial Hall,
Paw Paw, Michigan.

My Dear Sir:
I desire to be one of the many who have a substantial interest in the building of Memorial hall in this village.

The many courtesies extended to me by the members of Broadhead post, and the laudable purpose to be attained in this memorial monument prompt me with a desire to be numbered among those who have a public pride in furthering so commendable a work.

Enclosed find my check of twenty-five dollars.

Sincerely yours,
L. B. DESVOIGNES.

The Memorial Hall Association Broadhead post and W. R. C. appreciate the generous gift of our worthy judge and hope a good many others may follow his example. It came unsolicited. Committee.

WILL VISIT COAST.

Mesdames Sanger and Gardner left last Monday for a few months' pleasure through the west. They will go from Chicago to Globe, Arizona, where they will visit for a short time before going to Los Angeles and several other places in California and Washington. They will visit Frank Sanger in Pullman, Washington, and will also visit Portland, Oregon, before returning to Paw Paw in the spring.

WOODMEN RATES ARE ORDERED CANCELED

Illinois Court Grants Injunction Against Putting High Due Plan Into Effect. Effective Everywhere.

According to a dispatch from Springfield, Ill., dated November 22, Judge Robert Shirley of the Sangamon Circuit court has granted a perpetual injunction restraining the head camp of the Modern Woodmen from putting the new rates recently adopted into effect. The judge held the rates to be burdensome and unnecessary. He also restrained the officers from declaring delinquent any member refusing to pay the new rates.

The injunction is effective everywhere, as Illinois is the home of the organization, unless the state Supreme court overrules it.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS.

Paw Paw is certainly trying to do her duty in the way of entertainment. Last week the fourth district W. C. T. U. convention was held in the Methodist church, and this week Van Buren county Christian Endeavor will meet here. The sessions will be held at the Baptist church today and tomorrow. Three of the churches, the Baptist, Presbyterian and Christian have Endeavor societies, and they will join in entertaining the delegates and in doing what they can to make the convention successful.

A reception will be held at the Baptist church Friday evening. It is urged that the people of the village meet the visitors and attend as many of the sessions as possible for there will be fine speakers and a genuine good time enjoyed.

FAMILY REUNION.

About 20 members of the clan of Warner left Paw Paw in a body last Thursday for Grand Rapids, where will occur their annual reunion at the home of W. F. and W. J. Warner at that place. These pleasant meetings have been yearly occurrences since 1890, but have always been held in Paw Paw heretofore.

Among those who will attend this year are the following: Messrs. and Mesdames J. C. Warner, W. J. Warner, Guy Warner, Mrs. Lottie and Miss Franc Warner, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sirrine, W. R. Sirrine and Mrs. Eva Fish and two sons, besides several others. They will return Friday

GOLD MEDAL WINNER.

F. D. Cummings of Albion, who is well known among the young people here, was a successful contestant in the gold medal contest of the W. C. T. U. district convention held at Hastings, Nov. 20. There were seven in the class, among them a number of mature speakers. The young man is the winner of a silver medal given by the society, a gold medal and this prize at the late contest was the grand gold medal, the possession of which entitles him to enter the May contest for the diamond medal. He is a senior in Albion high school and upon his graduation will enter the college there.

His brother, Truman Cummings, who has also visited here a number of times, will attend the 10th annual State Boys' Conference held in Grand Rapids, Nov. 29 to Dec. 1, given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of Michigan. Conference theme—The Relationship of Older boys. Their motto is, "Be a Friend."

Every boys' club, such as church Y. M. C. A. group, high school club or class, boy scout organization is allowed to send two older boys to this conference. The object is to promote acquaintance and co-operation; able speakers will present plans for work that is helpful to the young man in starting life correctly. Ralph Craig, the Michigan man who brought home the honors from the Olympic games in Stockholm, Sweden, will be present with the Detroit delegation.

PLOT TO BURN JACKSON PRISON

Prisoners Confess to Plot to Burn Prison. Confessions Obtained by Detective Burns.

A report from Jackson says:—Full confessions of the plot to burn Jackson prison, which culminated in the destruction of the jail store house in the middle of October, have been made from four of the convicts held in secret confinement in Detroit. It is believed that the whole conspiracy will be cleared up and the details made public within the next day or two. It is expected that a warrant will be sworn out against the man accused by his fellows of actually setting fire to the store house. He will be tried in Jackson county, and the men who have confessed will be witnesses against him. The trial, the officials believe, will result in a complete airing of conditions inside the prison.

CONTEST CLOSES TOMORROW NIGHT

The Big Contest Will Soon Be a Matter of History. Votes Pouring In.

IT IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY

Get Your Returns in Early—Do Not Cease Your Efforts Until Final Ring Down of Curtain.

Final Vote Offers			
8,000 extra votes for \$ 15 in subs.			
25,000 " " " " 30 in subs.			
48,000 " " " " 50 in subs.			
75,000 " " " " 75 in subs.			
110,000 " " " " 100 in subs.			
1,000 votes for each new sub.			
This is the final extra vote offer. It remains to the close. No more will be given.			

As the hour of closing draws near all contestants are in doubt. The race is close. Every ambitious candidate has been hustling during the last week as they never hustled before. What the result will be cannot be determined until to-morrow night.

This much is certain. Those of you who have heeded our advice and left no stone unturned nor neglected a single opportunity are going to reap the rewards of your persistence. And the end is not yet. Twenty-four hours remain in which to make a final roundup of your prospects. Friends are yet to be seen; friends who have been putting you off with a promise to help at the last moment. You need it now. The rapid tick of the seconds is marking the approach of the last hour when it will be too late.

We have repeatedly said the race is close. This is the plain, unvarnished truth. Each week the hustlers have responded to our advice. Neck and neck they have made their bonuses, until now it is only a toss up who shall make the final sprint and win.

This also is certain. The manner of awarding the prizes will assure nearly every one of the hard working contestants—those who have been busy from the start—one of the beautiful premiums, any one of which will be a handsome return for the work done by a majority of the contestants.

You Can Help.

Subscribers, do you understand the earnestness of the worthy ladies who have been working among you for the past six weeks? Do you know how they have set their hearts upon winning, and what a disappointment it will be to them to know that you might have helped and failed? They are not asking a donation from you. It is simply a question of your paying now when it will benefit them or doing it later when it will not. In either case you get value received, with the added dividend, in the former, of a heart made happy and a grateful remembrance from them to you. Your renewal or new subscription in every likelihood will turn the tide for some anxious, worthy worker. Can you afford to let a dollar or two stand between her and the coveted goal?

About the Close.

The contest will close promptly at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, at The True Northerner office. Do not be late with your returns. The contest editors request that all contestants make the bulk of their returns by six o'clock the evening of the close. There is nothing to be gained by hanging back to the last minute. By doing so you are running a chance of being crowded out in the last rush.

Make your returns for the last week by six o'clock Saturday evening, then you will have the remaining hours to round up your final prospects without the worry that you may not get in in time.

All ballots held in reserve must be in the box at 8 p. m. Saturday evening. Do not neglect this. Contestants at a distance should govern themselves accordingly.

The final count will be made by three disinterested judges. Everybody welcome to come and witness the closing of the biggest contest ever held in Van Buren county.

The standing of the contestants is not given in this issue for the reason that the contest closes to-morrow night. Thousands of votes are pouring in and it would be superfluous to attempt a count.

The Votes			
Time	Price	New	Old
1 year	\$1.00	1000	500 votes
2 years	2.00	2200	1000 votes
3 years	3.00	3800	1500 votes
4 years	4.00	5000	2300 votes
5 years	5.00	6500	3500 votes
10 years	10.00	20,000	10000 votes